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The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"It is very difficult to call for a report on such vague statements as this. If any particular instances are brought to the notice of the Government they will have the matter enquired into by the Collector."

Landlord and Tenants

Collection of 'kattalai' by the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam.

* 106 *Q*.—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam has been permitted by the Government to collect 'kattalai' (collection fees) by means of any special order?

A.—No.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask whether it is legal for a zamindar to collect any kattalai fees?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"That is a matter for the Court to decide."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask whether it is a fact that in 1912 Government issued a specific order to the zamindars that they should not collect kattalai fees?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I should like notice of the question."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask whether the Government are aware of the fact that courts have decided that the collection of kattalai fees is illegal and that the zamindars should not collect them?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am not at present acquainted with this fact."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government will issue orders preventing the collection of these kattalai fees?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"This is a matter which should be decided by the Courts, as I have already stated."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether he is aware that kattalai fees are being collected by the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask whether the Government will make enquiries and if they find that these fees are collected, will they direct the Udaiyarpalaiyam Zamindar to stop this collection?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir. The Estates Land Act deals with the matter."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will the hon. the Member be pleased to state whether the Government will give Police aid for the collection of these fees?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The matter is regulated by the provisions of the Madras Estates Land Act."